Here begynneth the treatys of Nycodemus gospell.

VIV·LIBRA

IT befell in the.xix.yere of ỹ Synorye of Tybarye cesarye Emperour of Rome And in ỹ synorye of herodis that was ỹ sone of herodys whiche was kỹge of Galyce / the.viii.kalẽdys of Aprell / the whiche is the.xxv.daye of marche the.iiii.yere of the sone of velom / whiche was counceliere of Rome. & Olymp⁹ had ben afore.ii.C.yere and.ii. This tyme Joseph & Annas were lordes abouue all Justyces meyers ād Jewes Nycodem⁹ that was a worthy prynce he dyde wryte this blyssed storyin Ebrewe And Thodosmus the Emperour dyde it translate out of Ebrewe in to latyn And bysshop Curpỹ dyde it translate fro latyn in to frenche And thus begynneth thys blyssed storyn.

¶ Thus endyth the prolonge And begynneth the gospel of Nycodemus.

ANnas/and Cayphas/Symeon/Datan/Gamalyell/Judas/Leuy/Neptalym/Alyzaundyr/zaryus. And many other Jewes/came to Pylate and accused our lorde Jhesu in many thynges And thus they sayd. We knowe hym well that he is the sone of Joseph ỳ wrygh/the whiche was borne of Marye. And thus he sayd/that he is goddes sone & kynge And not only that. but the Sabotte whiche is yeuyn to vs for ease and reste/he brekyth And so he wyll our lawe Pylate answered thus and sayd. What is that. that he hath do. And how maye he breke our lawe The Jewes answered thus and sayd We haue by oure lawe that no man sholde do no worke vpon the Sabotte And this Jhesus with his fals craftys helyth meny maladyes. As blynde/lame/crokyd/& mezyll. And thꝰ he breketh our Sabotte/with his fals craftys Pylat sayd howe maye he do suche thynges by euyl wor kynge. ¶ The Jewes answered for he is an euyll worker and by the prynce of deuylles that is Belsabubbe he putteth out deuylles And thus by deuylys are all this werkis put to hym Pylat answeryth thus that ye say that Belsabubbe is prynce of deuylles Is not he a deuyll/this was neuer harde afore this tyme that a man myght do such workes by the deuyll but by the vertue of god. I suppose ỳ he doth suche worꝛkys And so for the helthe of mankynde he helyth al seke And so I se for his well doynge ye accuse hym. Than the Jewes answerd and sayd Syr we praye you to do hym to come afore you And than shall we here what he wyll saye. Than clepyth Pylat a sergaunt & sayd vnto hym Go he sayd & brỹge Jhesu hyder Thā were ỹ sergaũte to Jhesu & kneled before hỹ And a cloth that he had ī his hande he cast vpon the groũ & sayd to our lorde Jhesu Syr go vpon this cloth for the Justyce wyll speke with you. Whan the Jewes sawe the sergaũte do suche worshyp to our lorde they cryed to Pylate & sayd Why cōyth not thꝭ sergaũte forth lyghtly wt Jhesu we se wel ỳ he doth worshyp to hỹ as though he were a kỹge And kyst

his cloth afore hym Than clepyth pylate the seruaunt to hi
And sayd why dedyst thou suche worshyp to hym. The ser-
uaunt answered and sayd For I sawe Jhesu come in to Je-
rusalem vpō an asse ād there I sawe folkes spredde clothes
vpon the grounde byfore hym and dyd hym reuerence and
he wente there vpon And than I sawe another company of
chyldryn with braunchys and flouers in theyr handys syn-
gynge (Osanna in excelsys) That is for to saye blessyd be th-
ou that comyst in the name of god Than sayd the Jewes to
the seruaunte / the chyldren of ebrewe the synge ebrewe. and
thou that arte borne of Grece how vndyrstandyst thou ebre
we The seruaunt answered here to and sayd I asked an E-
brewe And he tolde it me / Than sayd Pylate to the Jewes.
What is Osanna for to saye. The Jewes answeryd it is to
saye make me safe or ellys lorde saue me. Than sayd Pylate
to the Jewes Lo your owne selfe bere wytnesse of ỹ wordys
of your owyn chyldren What hath than the seruaunt mydo
ne that ye blame hym thus without a cause Thā sayd Pyla
te to the seruaunt bryng Jhesu afore I me And loke thou bry
ge hym as it plesyth the.

¶ Thā the seruaunt brought our lorde Jhesu in to the par
lore and dyd Reuerence to hym and worshyp as he had do-
ne afore And sayd to our lorde Jhesu My lorde Pylat ỹ hye
Justyce wyll speke with you And as our lorde Jhesu entred
in to the parelour were seruauntys that helde malys i theyr
handys And at the compynge in of our lorde the malis bowed
downe to our lorde Jhesu vpon whiche malys were ymagis
of golde after the Empowre. And whan the Jewes sawe th
at the malys with ymagys bowed downe and dyd reueren-
ce to oure lorde god than they cryed vpon them that helde ỹ
malys And whan that Pylate sawe that. also he sayd to the
Jewes. Ne meruell not you that the ymages vpon the ma-
lys that they holde in theyr handys bowe downe it is semyn
ge to me that with out reason ye crye vpon hym Than sayd
ỹ Jewes to Pylat we se veryly ỹ they bowed downe to hym

dyde reuerence to hym. than clepyd Pylat thele leriauntz
to hym & layd to the. Why lete ye your malys bowe downe to
Jhesu. And the leriauntys answered & layd Syr we be pay
nymes & leriauntys of ỹ temple. But whan Jhesu came in
they bowed ageynst hym vnwytyngē & wyllyngē of vs they
dyde reuerence to hym Than layd Pylat to the maistyrs of
the lawe Chese ye of the mooste myghty men amonge you. &
lete them holde these males And than shall we se whyder th
ey shall bowe or not. whan this was done. Pylat cōmaun
ded them for to holde the males sekerly. and than he layd &
swore by holy Lezare yt that the ymages on the males bow
ed downe whan ỹ Jhesu comyth in. that they sholde lose for
thynke it. Than layd Pylat to ỹ leriaũt whose name was
Akarya. lete out Jhesu and bryngē in hym agayne as it ly
keth ỹ to bryngē hym Than wente our lorde Jhesu out of ỹ
parloure And pylat called thē ỹ helde the malys. And swore
by ỹ myght & ỹ hyght of holy Lez are ỹ yt ỹ ymages bowed
downe whan ỹ Jhesu came in. he sholde lmyt of ther hedys
Than cōmaunded Pylat ỹ Jhesu sholde be brought in And
the leriaunt brought hym in lyke as he had do byfore Whan
ỹ our lorde Jhesu entred in to ỹ parloure. ỹ ymages bowed
downe And dyde reuerence to our lorde lyke as they dyde ỹ
other tyme byfore. And whan Pylat sawe ỹ he was hugely
abashed. & so he arose vp of his sete. And as he was rysyn vp
came a messenger fro his wyfe whose name was Procula/
& this messanger delyuered to Pylat a letter. & thus it layd.

¶ Howe Pylatys wyfe sente a messenger to delyuer Jhesu

Dylat be not agey̆ſt thy ryghtfull. mā. for I haue this nyght be hugely dremyde for hym And be that I wote well y̆ he is a ryghtfull man. And whā y̆ Dylat had red this letter. he sayd to all the Jewȝ. ¶ Syrs ye know we wel that my wyfe is a paynym. And ye wote well that she hath edyfyed meny of youre Synagoges. she sendyth vnto you y̆ she knoweth this man for a ryghtfull man. For mykell trybulacyon and dysease she hath suffred this nyght for hym ¶ Than sayd the Jewys to Pylat. haue we not sayd vnto the that he is ā cuyll man And werketh by deuylls crafte For by deuylls hath he thy tyled thy wyfe ¶ Than clepyd Pylat our lorde to hym and sayd thus. Seest thou not that alle the Jewes bere wytnesse agey̆ſt the: And thou gyuest no maner of answere. than sayd our lorde Jhesu vnto Pylat. euery man hath power to speke with his mouth be it good or yll and so shall ye wel se. than the Jewes sayd vnto our lorde Jhesu. what shal we se. We all know we well that thou were begoten in fornycacyon. And for thy byrth dyde herowde sle all the chyldren ī bedleem and in the countrey about that were within. ii. yere & a halfe of age And Josepe & mary went in to Egypt for drede of herowde And whā herowde was dede they came agayne into the cyte of Nazareth. And whan Pylat herde this. he sayd vnto the Jewes. Than is that Jhesu that herowde

vede leke for to fle. And the Jewes anſwerȳd and ſayd that
it was he. Than doubted Pylat moche more than he dyd to
fore And ſo there were .xii. Jewes that drewe them by them
ſelfe And thus they ſayd to Pylat. Syr we knowe well that
this man is not borne in fornycacyon for we knowe wel th
at Joſepe wedyd marye his moder And ſo he is not borne in
fornycacyon. it ſemyth that your wordes be not trewe / for
For Joſepe wedyd marye as they ſaye that be of your own
folke Than ſayd Annas and Cayphas and other Jewes th
at had ſayd that Jheſu our lorde was borne in fornycacyon
and that he was an euyll werker. And that his dyſcyplis we
re fled and proſelyty. Than cleppde Pylat Annas and Cay
phas and aſkyd them what was proſelyty And they ſayd ȳ
proſelyty was paynemys chyldren. and ſo be his dyſcyples
And for that they ſay that he is not borne ī fornycacyon chā
ſtorius. Antonius. Jacob. Serius. Gamaliel. Iſaak. Fyue
anſwered theſe .xii. men whos names be theſe Lazārus. Al,
es. Azarius. Agrippa. Amenus. & Judas. We ſaye that we
ne are proſelyty but we be Jewes chyldren and we ſaye trou
the. that we were there that Joſepe wedyd marye Than cle
ppd Pylat theſe .xii. men that ſayd thus. And he conſured th
em by the hyght of holy Lezare. yf that he were borne in for
nycacyon that ye bere wytneſſe and ſuerte And othe by fore
all this peple And theſe .xii. men anſwerȳd to Pylat and ſa,
yd we haue by oure lawe ȳ we ne oughte to ſwere for ȳ is ſȳ
but we wyll ſwere by holy Lezare yf it be not as we ſaye we
wyll be culpable of deth We ſe well that thyſe .xii. men that
Jheſu is not borne in fornycacyon to be byleued by her wor
de And we ſaye all that he is borne in fornycacyon and that
he is an euyll werker And thus he ſayth that he is goddis ſō
and therto a kȳge And yet thou wylte not beleue vs that ha
ue the lawe to kepe.

Than cōmaunded Pylat that all ſholde go out of the pare,
loure ſaue theſe .xii. men that ſayde that oure lorde was not
borne in fornycacyon. And alſo he cōmaunded that our lor,

de Jhesu sholde be ledde oute vnto that one syde of the pare-
loure. Than sayd pylat to these .xii. men. For what cause is
that they wyll bryngе Jhesu to deth And they answered ād
sayd. that the masters of thela we had hym i hate for that he
helyd maladyes and sekenesse vpon the Sabot Than sayd
Pylat. A Jse well for his gode werkes they wyll sle hym Th
an wente Pylat oute of the parelοure full of heuynes and sa-
yd vnto all the Jewes I haue wyttnesse that I can fynde in
this man no poynte of deth. The Jewes answered yf he ne
had be an euyll doer. we ne had a delyuered hym to the Thā
sayd Pylat to ỹ Jewes / what sayd god that there sholde no
man be slayne but of me. than entred Pylat i to the parelou
re ageyne. & clepyd our lorde Jhesu to hym and sayd. Thou
arte kynge of Jewes. Oure lorde Jhesu answered ageyne /
thou sayest that of thy selfe or ellys other haue sayd that to ỹ
of me. Than sayde Pylat to oure lorde Jhesu. Thou wotest
well that I am no Jewe but of tyne owne nacyon as Bys-
shoppys and prynces haue delyuered the to me. but I neuer
what euyll thou hast do them. yf thou be kyng of Jewes ans
were to me. Oure lorde answered to hym My kyngdome is
not in this worlde for yf my kyngdome were in this worlde.
my mynysters wolde not be ageynst me that I sholde not ha
ue be delyuered to the but my kyngdome is not nowe here.
Than answered Pylat. than I se well thou arte a kynge. th
an answeryd oure lorde Jhesu thou sayest that I am a kyng
and to that I was borne and for to declare to the worlde that
who so be of trowth. wyll here my worde. Thā sayd Pylat
what is trouth. be thy worde there is but lytyll trouth i erth
Our lorde sayd to Pylat. vnderstonde trouth how that it is
Juggedin erthe of them that dwell there in. And thus sayd
Pylat to the Jewes. I haue wytnes both in heuen and in er
the sonne and mone. that I can fynde no cause of deth in thy
man.

¶ Than answeryd the Jewes. is not this a grete cause that
he sayth of oure Temple. That he myghte stroye it & reyse it

ageyne in.iii.dayes than sayd Pylat what temple is that/ ye speke of And the Jewes answered that it was ye Salamō temple whiche was in edyfyēge.xlvii.yere And this Jhesus sayd that he sholde dystroye it and rayse it ageyne in.iii.dayes I am without gylte of spyllynge of this mannys blode. And that shall ye well see. what wyll ye do with hym the Jewes that were full of enuy cryed all with one voyce. the shedynge of his blode be vpon vs and vpon our chyldren.

¶ Howe Pylate toke of the mooste Auncyent men of ye lawe as byshoppes & other maysters to counsell.

Pylate toke of the mooste Auncyent men as byshoppes and maysters of ye lawe Syrs do not ageynste this symple man for I do you to wyt that he is not worthy to be dede Is not he more worthy that hath helyd maladyes. than he had broke the saboth Than sayd the Jewes A good Juge taketh entent yf any man hath do a forfet ageynste Cezare were he not worthy to be dede And Pylate sayd yes. Than sayd the Jewes moche more is he worthy ye forfettyth ageyst god for he sayd hym selfe that he is goddys son For whan we counioured hym ye he sholde tell vs yf he were the sone of god. And he denyed it not And yet he sayd we sholde se the son of man syttynge vpō ye ryght hande of ye godhede & comynge oute of the skyes of heuyn And whan that Pylat herde this he ledde our lorde Jhesu on that other parte of the pareloure & sayd to our lorde. Wan I ne wat what I maye do with the.

¶ Than sayd our lorde Jhesu to Pylate Moyses and ye prophetys here byfore they prechyd of my passyon and of my resurrecyon Whan that Pylate herde this he pronowced all the wordes of our lorde to the Jewes And anone the Jewes sayd to Pylat what woldest thou here more of his fals sclaūder Than sayd Pylate take hym in to your synagoge. And deme there on hym your lawe. the Jewes answered /our lawe cōmaundeth that yf any man syn or trespasse ayēst any mā he shall withdrawe hym. xlii. dayes out of the Temple.

And he ꝑ ſ̄ned or treſpaſſed age̅ſt god by ſclaūders Our lawe bydeth ꝑ he ſhal be ſtonyd to deth And for almoche as Jheſꝰ ſayeth ꝑ he ſhall ſyt ī heu̅ vpō ꝑ ryght ſyde of ꝑ deuyne maieſte And ꝑ he ſhall cōe fro heu̅ ī to ꝑ ſkyes. For this ſclaūder we wyll ꝑ he be crucyfyed Thā ſayd Pylat ꝑ is not good ꝑ ye caſt you for to do And than Pylat byhelde aboute hy̆ & ſawe meny mē & wymē ꝑ ſore wepte And helde ther cōſenaūce vpō hy̆. thā ſayd pylat to ꝑ byſſhoppys & mayſters of ꝑ lawe I ſe well ꝑ mekyll of ꝑ peple they wyl not ꝑ thꝫ mā dye. Thā ſayd ꝑ mayſters of ꝑ lawe. Good Juge we ſe well ꝑ he muſt be deed And for drede of deth wozſe he maye not leue Than ſayd Pylate / what is the cauſe ꝑ he ſholde be deed for. thā ſayd ꝑ Jewes. for ꝑ he ſayeth ꝑ he is goddys ſone āde therto a kyn̆ge.

¶ Howe Nychodemꝰ ſpake to Pylate for Jheſu.

Nychodemꝰ ꝑ worthye Pꝛynce / was ꝑ tꝛe afore Pylat & thꝰ he ſayd I haue ofte tymes. ſpoke to the maſters of ꝑ lawe ād to al ꝑ Jewes. & thꝰ I haue ſayd vnto the ꝑ vngode ly & vnrewly they do a myſſe ayē̅ſt Jheſu. For many glorꝛyous ſygnes & tokyns ha: he wꝛought amōge vs / ꝑ neuer none of oure forfaders wꝛought afore vs & therfore I coūſell you let hy̆ go & do hy̆ no more harme For yf ꝑ tokyns & ꝑ myracles be of god ꝑ he hath wꝛought it ſhall endleſſy endure after his

dayes & yf it be not of god but by ẽchaũtemẽte or by sõe char
me yt shalle not endure. ¶ For moyses that was of god he
shewed meny tokens in Egypt whiche that god bad hym w
afore kynge Pharao than were there two men James. and
zambres whiche that were Gogolers ād wyches that dece-
ued the peple they made the same tokyns ỹ Moyses made.
And the Egyptcyons helde the tokỹs of god And for they we
re not of god they perysshed And all that euer helde withall
And therfore I saye let this mā go And w hym no more har
me for I saye forsoth he is not worthy to be dede And para-
uentnre this Jhesus maye be a prophet sente to vs as Moy
ses sayd to our forfaders that our lorde god sholde chese and
sende a prophet of our owne nacyon And that we sholde he
re & byleue hym as god his owne selfe And parauentnre thy
maye be the same man ỹ god sayd thus of And this Jhesus
be the same man sente of god he is come to the saluacyon of
them ỹ byleue truly And to the dampnacyon of them ỹ bele
ue not ryght as our lorde god sayd vnto Moyses that yf any
man refuse the prophet And wyll not here what he shall say
in my name he shall be put out of my people All this haue I
sayd vnto the Prynces and Bysshoppes of the lawe whan
ỹ ỹ Jewes herde this that Nycodemus sayd afore Pylat th
ey sayd thus we se well that thou arte a dyscyple of Jhesu ād
therfore thou spekyst for hym Than sayd Nycodemus to ỹ
Jewes a than is not thys lorde Pylat here a dyscyple of Jhe
su that hath spoke thus for hym is not he the hyghe Justyce
vnder Cezare the Emperour whā the Jewes herde this thā
they sayd to Nycodemus . ye take thou the trouth of Jhesu
And mote thou haue thy dwellynge place with hym Than
lyfted vp Nycodemus hys handys to heuen and sayd God
graunt ỹ I maye haue parte of the trouthe of Jhesu . And a
dwellynge place mote I haue with hym god graũte it as ye
haue sayd so mote it be.

¶ Howe certayne Jewes shewed to Pylate the myracles ỹ
Cyrste had done.

And anone there sterte forth a Jewe afore Pylate. And thus he sayd. My lorde Pylate. I laye bedredde in my bedde. xxxviii. yere And all the dayes for ȳ moste parte in pyll of deth. And so it befell that my lorde Jhesu came by me & had pyte on me. And than he bad me take my bedde and go home in to my howes. And anone with his wordes / I was made hole And anone after came another Jewe afore Pylate and thus he sayd. My lorde Pylate I was porebl̄yde And as my lorde Jhesu passed afore me I cryed vnto hȳ And sayd Jhesu the son of Dauyd haue mercy on me. And he had mercy ō me And he put his hande to myn eyen and than I sawe.

¶ And thā another Jewe that stode afore Pylate sayd Syr: I was a mezell and my lorde Jhesu made me hole with his worde. ¶ After that came an agyd woman afore Pylate ād thus she sayd. My lorde Pylate I was dessezed with the red flyx. iii. yere and more And I dede not but touchyd the hem of the vesture of my lorde Jhesu And anone I was made hole of my maladye and therfore my lorde Pylate haue marcy on hym and do hym not to deth And whan that Pylate herde this / he feryd / And anone a grete cōpanye of Jewes why che that our lorde Jhesu had helyd they cryed al with on voyce. A grete Sauyour of the peple is our lorde Jhesu. Whan Pylate herde this he sayd vnto Cayphas and Annas. And other maysters of the lawe I merueyl why that your forme faders and prynces and Bysshoppys of the lawe helyd not men of theyr Infyrmytees as this man doth And they answered no worde therto And these men that our lorde had helyd cryed with one voyce Oure blyssyd Lorde Jhesu hath wrought many deuyne myracles as he that reysed Lazare / fro deth to lyfe. Why che that had layne dede foure dayes in ȳ erth And our lorde Jhesu by the vertu of his worde he reysed hym oute of the mōment and brought hym alyue amonge vs his lustres And dyde hym syt wych hym at hys table / And whan ȳ Pylate herde this he was all abassh̄ed for fere

and cryed with an hyghe voyce to the Jewes and sayd. Me
what is this that ye wyll do I see that without gylte ye wyl
shedde the blode of hym that hath nothynge mysse wrought
Than rose pylat vp and toke Nycodemus to hym and these
xii. men whiche sayd that our lorde was not borne in forni
cacyon and thus he sayd to them.

Syrys I haue grete affeccyon in you saye to me wh-
at I shall do with hym And they sayd syr we can
saye for we wyll neuer assente to the wyll of the
maysters of the lawe nor to theyr werkes & there
for let them se well to ther lowlis that they maye
be saued at the daye of Jugement than turned Pylat to the
maistres of the lawe and to other Jewes and sayd thus to th
em Syrys ye knowe wel that it is the custome amonge vs to
delyuer a prysoner to the peyple for the loue of our sabot the
hyghe daye of sacrafyce And syrys ye knowe well that I haue
a presoner in my preson a noble presoner a mā clear whiche
is worthy to be deed. whos name is Barabas wyll ye that I
delyuer you hym or ells Jhesu whiche is without gylt and
not worthy to dye The prynces and the bysshopps and the
olde men they sayd all with one voyce we wyll that thou de-
lyuer to vs Barabas Than sayd pylat what wyl ye than sa
ye that I do with Jhesu whiche is cleped crysse Than sayd
the Jewes with an hyghe voyce lete hym be crucyfed ād so-
me sayd yf thou let hym go thus thou ne arte Cezars frende
syn that he sayd this foule sclaunder that he is goddys sone
And therto a kynge for who so euer sayeth that he is a kȳge
he speketh ageynst Cezare And whan that Pylat herde this
he was wondre heuy and thus he sayd to the Jewes all day-
es fro the begynnynge haue ye be contraryous to them that
hath do well to you. And to hym ye haue do mykyll harme
and mekyll curmentrye Than sayd the Jewes / what is he
that hath do so mykyll good to vs Than sayd pylat our god
whiche hath holpe you and delyuered you oute of the lāndys
of Egypte whiche drowned your enmyes in the depnesse of

therede see And ledde you thorughe the water of the see also
drye as vpō ꝑ erth And also in dēsert he reyned to you mānа
And made water out of ꝑ harde stone in deserte whiche ꝑ ye
dranke of ⁊ all your beestys And also to you he gaue ꝑ .x. com
maūdemētys of ꝑ lawe. And ī all these cōmaūdemētys ꝑ he
hath charged you with. ye haue bē contrary ous to your god
As whā ye made a Calfe to be your god whiche wolde haue
dysheryt you ⁊ dystroyed you ne had moyses be your may-
ster ꝑ prayed to your god for you for ꝑ peryll ꝑ ye were in. ⁊
nowe ye saye to me ꝑ I hate my kynge And am not his frend
de yf I delyuer not this man Jhesu ꝑ hath cured mekylle of
your pēple of many Infyrmytees whiche is your kynge / ꝑ
neuer dyd euyll but euer moche goodnes ⁊ prophet whā the
Jewes herde this they were full of wroth ⁊ of maletalente.
And thus they cryed all togyder and sayd Our kynge is Ce
zare Emperour of Rome but we knowe wel ꝑ Jhesus is no
kynge thoughe ꝑ kynges sought hym in bedleem ⁊ sayd ꝑ, th
ey sought ꝑ kynge of Jewes ⁊ offrede hym gyftes but yet is
he therfore no kynge we knowe well that whā herowde her
de saye ꝑ they sought ꝑ kynge of Jewes. herowde wolde ha-
ue slayne hym therfore And so he dede slee thousandys of chyl
dren therfore in bedleem and in all the contrye about as we
haue sayd here to you afore. whā ꝑ Pylat herde this he com
maūded them to be styll ⁊ to holde them in peasse and thus he
sayd to them. Is it not he thau ꝑ herowde sought for to slee
And the Jewes answered and sayd that it was he And ano-
ne Pylat dyd cōmaūde water to be brought hym. afore thē
all he washed his handes seynge thus I ne am gylty of spyl
lynge of this ryghtfull mannes blode ⁊ ꝑ maye ye welle se.
but the blode of hym be vpon you and on your chyldren Th
an cōmaunded Pylat that a grete cōpany of knyghtes shol
de be brought afore hym to his pareloure And than Pylatte
kest ꝑ lētēs vpō our lorde Jhesu ⁊ thus he sayd to hym.
¶ Howe Pylat commaunded the Jewes ꝑ no vylayns shol
de put cryste to his passyon but knyghtes.

Thine owne peple hath dyspreuyd al that euer I haue spoke for ꝯ. & therfore I cõmaũde at ꝯ begynnynge ꝯ no mã leye hãdes õ hym but yf he be a knyght or ellis of gentyll blode. for it is not sytt̃ge ꝯ a kynge sholde be slayne of vylaynes And therfore I cõmaũde yat ꝯ fyrst begynnynge ꝯ he be scorged to ꝯ pselynge of ꝯ fyrst prynces & thã lyfte hym vpõ ꝯ crosse. & with hym. ii. theues whiche ꝯ hath be cuyll wers ꝯ one hy name Dysmas. & ꝯ other Gesmas. & lete thẽ be slayne with vylaynes. & no gẽtylles to touche thẽ. & thã was our lorde Jhesu/ led oute of ꝯ parelour & ꝯ. ii. theues with hym. & thã they ledde thẽ ī to another parelour wherī was a pylar of whyte marble. & there they spoyled our lorde out of his clothys & boũde hym naked vnto ꝯ peler & there they bette hym & scourged hym with yerdes & whyppys so hugely ꝯ there was no skyn vpõ hym. & ꝯ was a synfull syght for to se ꝯ blyssed body stõdynge al naked afore all ꝯ peple scornynge & sayenge thus to our lorde god ī his scourgynge Do gladly our kynge for this is our fyrste begynnynge. & thã ꝯ masters of ꝯ lawe sayd to ꝯ knyghtes Do on our kynge a softe garmẽt. & lete vs crowne hym for our kynge And thã ꝯ knyghtes dyd vpõ hym a cloth of sylke whiche for habũdaũce of blode was so clũge to hym ꝯ at ꝯ pullynge of it was. C. folde more peyne to hym thã was his scourgynge. & whã they had pulled of this garmẽt they dyde õ hym a rede mãtell of sylke. & after ꝯ they set a garlonde of thornys on his hede. & they pressyd so sore ꝯ garlonde of thornys on his hede ꝯ ꝯ thornys percyd downe ī to hys brayne & so at ꝯ last they lede hym to ꝯ crosse. ãd there they crucyfyed hym betwene

ii. chefys Dyſmas on the ryght ſyde and Gelmas on ỹ lefte ſyde And ſo they put to hȳ mouth a ſpone that was dꝛypped full of dꝛynke that they had made with Aꝛzell and gall And that they put to hȳ is mowthe foꝛ to dꝛynke of And thus that bleſſyd loꝛde Jheſu ſuffred all that euer they wolde do to hȳ And than oure loꝛde Jheſu loked vp to the father. and thus he ſayd. My fader foꝛgeue theym this treſpaſſe foꝛ they ne wot what they do And than the knyghtes kyſt lottys vpon his veſture foꝛ to wyt ho ſholde haue it And than the Pꝛynces of the lawe with byſſhopps and meny other / they cryed vnto our loꝛde Jheſu and thus they ſayd. Thou haſt helpd many other and thou ne mayſte hele thy ſelfe. yf thou be goddys ſone come downe of the croſſe and we ſhall beleue on ỹ And than ſayd the knyghtes in ſkoꝛne. yf thou be kynge of Jewes delyuer nowe thy ſelfe And than was commaunded that a knyght ſholde be bꝛought foꝛth whos name was longeus And hym they made put a ſpeꝛe to Jheſus ſyde. This knyght longyus was blynde and ſo the pꝛynces of the lawe made hym foꝛ to perce our loꝛdes ſyde And ſo there came out both blode and water And ſo the blode came ꝛynnynge downe by the ſpere ſhafte vnto longyus hande and he awnterouſly wyped his eyen wich his hande And anone he myght ſe.

And thā Pylat dyd wꝛyte a byl on whiche was wꝛyten. Jheſus. Nazarenus. Rex. Judeoꝛum That is foꝛ to ſaye / Jheſus of Nazareth / kynge of Jewes and this was wꝛyt in Ebꝛewe gꝛece and latyn And this tytle they put aboue his hede on ỹ croſſe. Than Gelmas the theefe whiche henge on the lyfte ſyde of our loꝛde ſayd thꝰ to our loꝛde Jheſu yf thou be god delyuer both the and vs. Than Dyſmas that henge on the ryght ſyde of oure loꝛde Jheſu he blamed hym foꝛ his woꝛde And thus he ſayd to hym Itſemeth by thy woꝛde that thou dꝛedyſt not god noꝛ beleueſt not in hym. And therfoꝛe arte thou endleſſy dampned. Foꝛ well thou woteſt that we haue dyſcerued that we ſuffre but he hath ryght nought foꝛ

fettyd nor myslowe and without dyscerupnge he is brought herto And whan Dysmas had layd this wordes he loked vpon Jhesu and thus he layd to hym /lorde Jhesu haue mercy vpon me whan thou comyst in to thy kyngedome And than answered Jhesus to hym /and layd this daye shalte thou be with me in paradyse. And that tyme was about myddaye & fro that tyme in to none dayes was the son hyd and lost his bryghtnes and the vayle of the temple was smyten a sonder fro the hyght downe to the grounde on .ii. partyes and some men saye that an aungell dyd it with a trace of fyer And the aungell layd thus in men herynge I am wytnysse of the passyon of Jhesu crysste After that our lorde Jhesu cryed with a hyghe voyce and layd Fader in to thyne handys I betake my spyryt And than he yelded vp his soule to his fader And why an Centuryo that was prynce ouer the Jewes and constable and sawe these tokens that were befall he glorifyed god and layd forsoth this man was ryghtfull. and that is well sene by the tokens that are befall and so all the peple that were there as good folkys whan they sawe these werkes of the vertue of our lorde they smyte theyr brestys with theyr handys.

¶ Howe Centuryo tolde Pylate of the wonders at crysstys passyon & the same Pylate tolde the Jewes and of the precyous cloth that our lorde was buryed in.

And Centurio tolde to Pylate all that was befall And what Pylate herde this he was wonder heuy & sory. And so for sorynesse and heuynesse he ne ete nor dranke daye Tha clepyd Pylate ye Jewes & tho he layd to the. Meruelly e not of the tokyns ye be befall at the passyon of Jhesu: ye yon lost his syght & also the daye And the Jewes layd to Pylat Syr it was the Clyps of the sonne as we haue vndyrstonding of wyse men afore vs. than layd Pylat howe maye it be ye the veyle of the temple is smyt a sonder & many graues vndone & dede men ryse vp fro deth to lyfe. Hath the clepys of the sonne do all thys. All these tokens me tell me are befall and sene in the Cyte of Jherusalem And yf ye beleue not me aske Centurio And they that were with hym whiche kepte Jhesu Than were this men brought forth afore the Jewes whiche that bare wytnesse and thus they layd forsoth we saye ye yn the dyenge of Jhesu. The erthe groned and shoke as water wch whan it is meuyd And we saw we that meny bodyes rose vp fro deth to lyfe. & by these tokens we beleue ye this Jhesus is goddes sone. Than the Apostles & holy women ye had folowed our lorde Jhesu fro Galylee saw we that was befall & ye men had do to hym they drewe them by them selfe. Than Joseph of Barmathye keste hym for to bye a precyous clothfor to wynde in our lorde Jhesu whan he myghte gete graunte of Pylat for to haue the body. And on this wyse came Joseph by thy precyous cloth as ye shal here.

There was a knyght i Capharnãe whos name was Leuy This knyght wedyd a yonge lady & by procys of tyme they

had togyder a doughter. Whñe they chrysyd Sydonya & her
they put to lernynge. & so be processe of tyme she wexed a cu
ryous werker as of clothys of golde and cloth of sylke & of
all other womens werkes. And so at the laste whã god wol
de this Leuydyed. & than his wyfe for the grete loue that she
louyd hym she fyll in a grete Maladye as in a colde palzye:
So ferforth that she myght nether stere hande ne face so for
this grete sekenes she fylle in a grete pouerte so forsoth that
she ne had to leue on. but by the worlkys of her doughters hã
de And so it befyll that vpon the same daye ỹ our lorde was
deed this ladye sayd to her wughter. Doughter Syndonya
thou knowest well that our grete labor daye is nye. Than
must we ete oure palske lambe and on this daye / is the grete
market at Barmathye. Therfore good doughter go & aray
the and take some of thy worke that thou haste wrought. ãd
bye vs suche chynges there as is nedfull to me and the at ch-
is holy tyme Her doughter Syndonya answered to her mo-
der. & sayd moder your wyll shall be done. And moder I do
you to vnderstonde that I haue wrought the Curyousleste
cloth that euer was made for it fyll gracyously to worcke ỹ
it is more curyous than I can skylle of And than the lady sa-
yd to her wughter. let me se ỹ cloth / And Syndonya shewed
this cloth to her moder And whan this lady sawe this cloth
she sayd thus blessyd be that lorde that hath made the to wer-
ke suche a cloth And doughter vpon my blessynge that thou
tell this cloth to no man but ỹt he tell the what he shal do wy-
th all And so this mayde Syndonya she washed her & bawm-
yde and arayed her to market and in the market stode Jo
seph of Barmathye with a grete peple spekyge of our lord
dech And by a venture this mayde Syndonya came byfore
hym And Joseph of Barmathye a spyed the cloth hangyn-
ge on her arme. and asked her ỹt she wolde selle that cloth.
And shs answered and sayd syrre.
And thã Joseph asked her the pryce And she sayd .xxx. besaũ
tys & anone Joseph payed to her .xxx. besaũces. & Sydonia

fyll downe to his fete prayenge hym / that he wolde telle her
what he do with all sholde And than he answered to her and
sayd Doughter this daye is dede an holy prophet that men
clepyd Jhesus of Nazareth and that holy prophete I purpo
se me to bery hym and wynde hym in thys cloth Doughter
now haue I tolde the what I wyll do withalle and therfore
tell me who made this cloth that I haue bought of the / and
this mayde sayd that herselfe made it And Joseph asked her
what her name was and she sayd Syndonya than sayd Jo
seph nowe doughter after you I shall name this cloth forth
is cloth shall be named Syndonya And than this mayd we
te home to hyr moder and tolde her how she had spedde And
her moder asked her what sholde be done with the cloth And
Syndonya tolde her that the holy prophet that was that ty
me dede sholde be beryed therin And who shall berye hȳ ther
in sayd this lady And Syndonya sayd that Joseph of Bar-
mathye sholde bery hym therin And whan this lady herde
this she sayd thus . Wolde my lorde god and that prophet ꝑ
I had yeuē that cloth to his beryēge And anone with ꝑ wor
de she was holer and more sowne than euer she was afore.
And anone the lady & her doughter fyll downe on ther knes
thankynge our lorde god of this gloryous myrakyll And so
afterwarde our lorde ꝑaue them suche grace that the moder
was wedyd to a worthy duke and her doughter Syndonya
was Empresse of Rome And so they leuyd euer after in our
lordys seruyce. And whan Joseph of Barmathye had bou-
ght this precyous cloth whiche was lorde and Constable o-
uer all Pylatys meyne he was a full good man and a rygh
full he was not assentyd to ꝯ accusacyons & wordys of ꝯ Je
wes he abode the kyngdome of god and so he came to Pylat
and askyd hym the body of Jhesu And pylat graunted hym
Than this Joseph and Nycodemus / toke downe the body
of Jhesu of ꝯ crosse and hym he wonde in this Sondonya /
that he had bought And he beryed hym in his mōment whe
rein that neuer man was beryed and so the Jewes wolde a-

slayne Joseph and the .xii. men that had spoke for our lorde Jhesu afore Pylat. And also they wolde haue slayne Nycodemus and also tho that our lorde made hole of meny grete Infyrmytes And also they ꝑ had dyscouered afore Pylat al his good worlys that he had do in euery place.

¶ How the Jewes conspyred ageynst Nycodemus & Joseph & of many other meruayles.

Thā Nycodemus shewed. hymselfe to the Jewes. for ꝑ he was ther pryncipall and ther gyde. And not longe after there was gadered a grete assemble of Jewes into the temple. and afore Nycodemus & thus he sayd to them. How we maye thy be ꝑ ye are thus entryd in to this holy Tẽple. whiche that your handes be blody of ꝑ dethe of Jhesu that ryghtfull man whiche that ye vntruly crucyfyed. Than answered to Nycodem? Annas/ and Cayphas/ Symeon/ and Datan/ Gamalyell Judas/ Leuy/ Neptalym/ and all the oder Jewes/ how art thou so hardy to come amonge vs that arte consentynge to Jhesu And therfore luche parte as he hath mucte thou haue with the in this worlde Than answered Nycodemus and sayd. Amen. the peasse of of Jhesu be with me in this worlde & in ꝑ other endlesly And the Jewes answered & sayd. Amen And as Nycodemus had answered thus. Came Joseph of Barmachye amonge them and sayd thus to the Jewes why be ye heuy to me with maletalent for I askyd ꝑ body of Jhesu of Pylat And I w you to wyt ꝑ I haue beryed hym in my newe Mommente and wounde hym in a precyous clothe ꝑ is called Syndonya. And I saye to you ꝑ ye haue wroughte

euyl & lynfully ye haue vntruly crucyfyed Jhesu wichoute dysceruyge & also malycyously ye perced his syde with a spe re. & whan ye Jewes herde this they toke Joseph & cõmaũded hym to be kepte well & thy they sayd to Joseph: we knowe wel y thou arte not worthy to haue a derynge place amõge vs for we shall gyue thy flesshe and carcyne to wylde bestys ãd wylde fowles & to be deuoured wyth hounds. Thã Joseph sayd to them these wordes be lyke to proude Golyas as the prophet sayeth to me longyth venyaunce. And I shall yelde it sayth god And ye whan ye Pylat washed his handes & sayde I am vngylty of thys mannys blode shedynge ye answe agayne & sayd y blode of hym be on vs & our chyldren. wyte it well y tho y tyme forwarde shall the wroth of god come vp ō you & on your chyldren as your selfe sayd. And whan ye Jewes herde this answere they were wonder angrye & ther they put Joseph in pryson on whiche pryson was no wyndow w & no syde so y there myght no lyght come in but at the doore. That doore they shet myghtely & put therto kepers. than Annas & Cayphas and other byshoppys & maysters of y lawe/ kest them to assemble the nexte daye after y labor. & there they sholde se Joseph/ And whan they were at ther assemble. they sente to y prison & vndyde y doore. but they founde not Joseph therin as they had put hym. & so they were hugely a mercuayled.

Thowe one of the knyghtes that kepte the Sepulcre of our lorde came and tolde the maysters of the lawe how our lorde was gone in to Galylee.

And as they were in thy merueillynge they entrede in to ther synagoge & amōge thē cāe one of ỹ knyghtys ỹ kepte ỹ sepulcre & to thē he tolde sykerly ỹ Jhesu was not in ỹ mōmēt & anone ỹ masters of ỹ lawe askyd hym wyere they had done hym & ỹ knyght answered & sayde thus As we kepte the graue the erth shoke & thā we sawe verelly ỹ an aūgyll dyscended du wne fro heuyn & lyfte vp ỹ stone fro ỹ mommēt & set hym there vpon & his face bryght. And there was as it beleuyn & hys ve sture as whyte as euer was snowe And for the gretedrede ỹ we had we were as we had ben deed Than we herde ỹ Aungell saye to ỹ women ỹ were come to ỹ sepulcre dysmaye ye not nor drede you not I know well ỹ ye seke Jhesu ỹ was crucyfyed. I do you to wete ỹ he is rysē & is not here for ye shalle hym in Galylee as he sayd to you afore And whā ỹ prystes of ỹ lawe herde this they sayd to ỹ knyght Is Jhesu thā onlyue we may not beleue thy ỹ ye say Thā answered ỹ knyght Jhesu hath wrought meny myracles ỹ ye haue well herde & se & ye leue it not. howe sholde ye thā byleue vs. but your owne demaūde is good. whā ye aske yt Jhesu be on lyue. whō Thā sayd ỹ Jewes to ỹ knyght. we shal yelde to ỹ Joseph yt ye wyl yelde to vs Jhesu we do you to wete ỹ Joseph is in ỹ cyte of Barmathye thā sayd ỹ knyght yt Joseph be in barmathie. we do you to wete ỹ Jhesu is in Galylee & there lene rysen

fro deth to lyfe & þ they ſholde ſe hym in Galylee. And whan
þ Jewes herde chſ they had grete dzede & ch⁹ they layd amō
ge thē ſelfe. yf mē here this wozdes of theſe knyghtes / they
ſhall all beleue ī Jheſu Thā they aſſēbled thē togyder & gaue
to þ knyghtes treſoure & ch⁹ they layd to thē Go ye & ſaye to
þ peple as ye laye & ſlepte his dyſcypples came pzeuely be ny-
ght & ſtole þ body of Jheſu. & yf Pylat knowe herof. we ſhal
excuſe you Th⁹ this knyghtes toke this treſoure & pzoclay-
med as they cōmaūded thē. & ſo ther wozdes were ſone ſpzed
all aboute.

THā cāe there. iii. mē whiche þ hyght Fynees. Ab
bas. & Leup. theſe. iii. mē came fro Galylee in to
Jheruſalē & ch⁹ they layd to þ pzynces & to thē al
þ were ī þ Synagoge. ſyrs we haue herde & ſene
Jheſu whiche that ye crucyfyed lyt & ſpeke to his
dyſcypples vpon the mounte of Olyuet & there he ſermoned
vnto them & layd Go & pzeche my name & myne euangelye
thozughe out the wozlde baptelynge in the name of the fader
& þ ſon & the holy gooſt And what ſo euer he be þ wyll be bap
tyzed and byleue in me he ſhall be ſaued And he that byleue
th not ſhall be dampned And whan the pzynces herde this
they layd to theſe thze mē Wen yeue pzeſynge and w3 ſhyp
to our lozde Jheſu / and be a knowe yf this be trewe that ye
haue herde and ſe And theſe men layd all to gyder wich one
voyce by þ lozde þ is god of Abzahā / Iſaac / & Jacobe. we ſa
we Jheſu ſyetynge & pzechynge to his dyſcypples & yf we co-
uer this that we haue herde & ſe we ſholde do grete ſyn. And
anone the pzynces roſe vp & helde the lawe in ther handys &
thus they layd to thē We conioure you by þ lawes of our loz
de that ye kepe this counſell þ ye haue layd to vs of Jheſu. &
ſo they gaue to theſe thze mē grete treſoure and ſo they ſent.
iii. knyghtes wich them foz to bzyge them ī to ther owne cō
trey & þ they ſholde no lenger abyde in Jheruſalem.

DOcãe there a grete assẽble of cõmyns to ỹ prynces. & thus they sayd with a grete cõplaynt. what tokyns / are this ỹ are befall in Israell Thãt Annas & Cayphas cõ forzyd thẽ & sayd Dwe we not forz to byleue ỹ knyghtes. ỹ kepte ỹ Sepulcre wher ĩ that Jhesu was put They sayd to vs / ỹ they had sene an aungelle lyfte vp ỹ stone fro ỹ mon mente ãd parauenture his dyscyples sayd to the knyghtes & we wote well that they gaue to the knyghtes grete tresoure forz to saye thus & so they stale awaye his body thus men owght to byleue vs rather thã ỹ dyscyples ỹ gafe to the knyghtes grete tresoure forz to bere fals wytnesse Than rose Nycodemus vp and thus he sayd to them ye haue herde what these. ĩii. men haue sayd and swozne vpon the lawe / that they sawe Jhesu syt and speke to his dyscyples vpon the mounte of Dlyuet & there he styed vp to heuyn & ye wote wel ỹ scrypture tellyth vs that Ely the holy prophet was rauysshed into paradyse & whan men askyd his dyscyple Elyze where ỹ his fader Ely was he answered rauysshed ĩ to heuỹ And thã they supposed well that he was rauysshed by the holy goost And lefte hym some where on the Mountes of Israell & therfore they sayd lete vs seche some men that maye go and seke hym So they went & sought thre dayes and. iii. ny

ghtes but they coude not fynde Ely. And therfore I counsel you to sende some men that maye seke the mountys of Israell for parauenture the holy goost hath rauyshed Jhesu. and parauenture he maye be founde lete vs than do penaunce for the trespasse ỹ we haue done This counsell of Nychodemus was plesynge to all the Jewes & so they sent men for to seke our lorde Jhesu but they myght not fynde hym in no place. And whan these men were repayred ageyne they sayd to the Jewes. we haue sought Jhesu on euery hyll of Israell & in euery dale & in euery place. but we can no where fynde hym but we haue founde Joseph in the cyte of Barmachye And whan the prynces herde this they were wonder Joyful & mery & they glorysyed god ỹ Joseph was founde. And so ỹ Jewes & masteres of the lawe assembled thē togyder & kesse amonge them howe they myght speke to Joseph. & so they ordeyned & made letters sentence to Joseph sayenge thꝰ. Peas be with ỹ & also with thē ỹ be with the. we knowe well ỹ we haue synned in god & in ỹ. & therfore fader Joseph. come to vs ten ỹ we haue knowynge ỹ we haue greuously synned & trespassed ageynst ỹ And hugely we merueyll of thy delyuerance & takynge aweye fro vs. we knowe well ỹ we ymagynde & ordeyned euyll counsel ageynst the. but god delyuered the fro vs. But peas be with the fader Joseph worshypped & of all people.

Howe the Jewes chose. viii. men that were Josephes frēdes to desyre hym to come to them.

Than / they chose. viii. me̅ whiche ỹ were fre̅des to Joseph & to them they sayd whan ye come to Joseph heyleth hym in peace. & do to hym gretyngs on our behalfe a̅d to hym ye delyuer these letters. these me̅ were forthe to the Cyte of Barmathye. & whan they came afore Joseph they heyled hym a̅d gretted hy̅. & delyuered hym the letters. And whan Joseph had red this letters than̄ sayd he thus Blessyd be my lorde god ỹ hath kyuerde me vnder his wy̅ges & also blessyd mut he be ỹ hath saued me fro all myscheues than̄ Joseph ladde all these men in to his place And the nexte day after he toke his hors & rode with the̅ to Jherusalem And wha̅ ỹ Jhewes with the masters of the lawe herdesaye of his co̅mynge they yede worshypfully ageynst hym / a̅d whan they met with hym they sayd thus to hym Peace be at thy co̅my̅ge fader Joseph And Joseph answered. The peas of our lorde be to all his trewe peple And than̄ ỹ maisters of the law with all ỹ peple they kyssed Joseph. And Nycodemus ledde Joseph in to his place Than ỹ nexte daye after Annas / and Cayphas & Nycodemus they lad Joseph i̅ to ỹ temple & they sayd to hy̅. fader Joseph yeue vs knowlechy̅ge & to god i̅ hi̅ te̅ple of ỹ we shall axe of you. fader Joseph ye knowe wel ỹ ye buryed ỹ body of Jhesu. & fa̅d ye knowe wel ỹ welther ỹ i̅ prelo̅ & we coude not fy̅de ỹ theri̅ & yrfore telvs what befel

Than Joseph answered & sayd. whan ye dyd shet me in the close prison vpon the Sabot daye as I was in my Orysons and prayers that place was spred aboue me withe huge lyght as me thought fro the. iiii. partyes of the eyer And soo I lyfted vp my hede and sawe my lorde Jhesu stonde fast by me shynynge with grete clernesse And so for drede that I had I fyll downe flat to the grounde. Than my blyssed lorde Jhesu hente me by the hande and lefte me vp fro the grounde & wasshed my face kyssynge me and thus he sayd to me Brother Joseph thou arte clene by water of the feyth for thy synnes be relesed and forgeue And therfore my frende haue no drede but byholde me and knowe what I am. and so I dyd beholde hym and sayd. my mayster Elye. And he answered ageyne & sayd I am not Elye but I am Jhesu cryste whome ye thou worshyppfully beryed than sayd I to hym. Lorde shewe me thy mommente there that I beryed the. And than my lorde Jhesu hente me by the hande and ladde me to the mommente And there he shewed me the precyous Syndonya / ye I wonde hym in Than knewe I verelly that he was my lorde Jhesu And so I fyll downe and worshypped hym And sayd my lorde Jhesu / blessyd mote thou be. that arte come hyder for to vysyte me and thorughe thy grace hast delyuered me. & so he helde me by the hande and lad me to the cyte of barmathye. And than he ladde me in to my place & sayd to me Joseph brother peasse with the. And loke thou go not oute of thy place this. xl. dayes for the Jewes shall do many grete dyrgesys to many of my frendys And nowe shall I go to my dysciples & speke to them of the saluacyon of the worlde. And whan he had sayd that worde. he vanysshed fro me And whan the prynces of the lawe and other Jewes herde this that Joseph sayd. they were hugely abasshed. And for the grete drede that they had they fell downe to the grounde and so they cryed and sayd. sayd what tokens are this that are befall in Jsraell The knyghtes that kepte the Sepulcre they bere wytnesse that they sawe an Aungyll dyscende downe fro he.

uyn ỳ Jhesu was relyn fro deth to lyfe & ỳ he shall be sene in galylee And we knowe well that Jhesu was a man & his fader & moder we knewe both Joseph & Mary. what may we saye here ayenste thā sayd a Jewe whos name was Leuy? I knowe wel ỳ begynnynge of Jhesu for I haue moche be with thē. for vpon a tyme as I was in the temple in my offrandys & my orysons. that same tyme saynte Symeon toke hȳ in his armes & thus he sayd to hym. My lorde god let nowe thy seruaunt cōe to the in peasse for my eyen haue sene thi helth ỳ thou ordeyned or any peple was Than sayd the Jewes Let vs sēde for these. iii. men that sayd they sawe Jhesu stye kynge to his dysciples vpon the Mount of Olyuet And so they sente for these iii men & whan they were come afore them they sayd treuly ỳ god of heuyn was on lyue And ỳ we sawe verely / howe that Jhesu styed in to heuyn afore all hȳ disciples.

Than answered Annas & Cayphas / Oure lawe sayth ỳ by the wordes of. ii. or. iii. is suffycent wytnesse what maye we saye herto we knowe well ỳ Emoke pleasyd god & was rayssched in to heuȳ & the sepulcre of moyses myght neuer be founde Pylat delyuerde to vs this Jhesu whiche we bete with scorgys & crowned hym with thornys & afterwarde was crucyfyed & smet hym in the syde with a spere And Joseph buryed his body in the Sepulcre. Whiche ỳ nowe beryth wytnesse that he is on lyue And these men saye that they sawe hȳ stye vp in to heuyn And than Joseph sayd another grete meruey le that there rose vp meny dede bodyes out of theyr graues I wote well that som men of them haue be in the cyte of Jherusalē whiche ỳ ye mysbeleuers haue not sene And we knowe well that saynte Symeon receyued Jhesu in his armes in the temple whiche that was a full holy man. this Symeon had two sonys whos names were Garyus and Leucyus. and we were at ther deth and at ther berynge Go nowe and seche ther graues but I wote well they be not there but

they be in the cyte of Warmathye they be in ozylons & speke to no man. but they holde them stylle as thoughe they were deed. And therfore let vs go to them with worshyp and bryng them to the temple. And whan we haue conioured them paraduenture they shall tell vs some what of the resurrecyon of Jhesu And howe that he rose fro deth to lyfe.

Howe the Jewes wente to seke. ii. deedmen that were ryssen from deth to lyfe in Warmathye & of other thynges that they shewed.

And so all the maysters of the lawe with the Jewes wente to the grauys of these. ii. bretherne & so they founde them not there And anon they wente to the cyte of Warmathye whiche was. xl. myle fro Jherusalem. and so they founde thē layde. and so they kylled them and lad them with hym to Jherusalem with grete worshyp And than they lad theym in to ther Synagoge And whan they had shyt sykerly theyr doris they toke the lawes and them in ther handes And so they cōioured them by god of Israell and by god adonay yt that they leuyd & that Jhesu was god of Israell that reysed theym. Whan Garyus & Leucyus herde this coniuracyon they lokyd vp togyder in to heuyn. And than they made syguys of the holy crosse on theym and than they sayd and spake yeue vs perchemyne and Inke that we maye wryte thynges that we haue herde and sene And so they yaue to them both Ynke and perchemyn And whan they were sette they wrote both togyder and sayd thus.

Oure lorde Jhesu cryst. is resurrecyon of the deth and lyfe that byleue on hym. suffer vs to saye the secretys of thy deuyne maiest that thou dedyste in hell by the deth of thy holy

crosse. for we be conjured by the for to speke of ꝑ Thou hast
commaunded to thy seruaunte by Mychaell thy archaun-
gyll that we sholde tel the secretys of thy deuyne maieste wh
at thou dedyst i hell after thy holy resurrecyon / as we were
with our forme faders in the grete preuy depnes of derkenes
there came a grete bryghtnesse as it had be a beme of lyghte
fro the sonne And that kest a lyght royall vpon vs And ano
ne Adam that was our forfader of all mankynde ād ꝑpatry
arkes and prophetes rose vp lyghtly and sayd This is the ly
ght of hym that be hyght vs for to sende to vs endles lyghte
And anone Isaake with a hyghe voyce began for to saye.

This is the lyght of our fader son of god as I sayd here afo
re whan I was on lyue in the lonḍe of zabulon and neptalē
ouer the flumme iordayn The yerthe that sat in darkenes saw
grete bryghtnesse of lyghe and to that lyght was sente to them
that sat in the shadowe of deth that was there as it had be a
sterre shynyng aboue vpō vs And as we were i this Joye ⁊
gladnesse of this lyght that shone vpon vs there came to vs
our fader Symeon and thus he sayd to vs with grete Joye

Glorify our lorde god Jhesu cryst our sauyour whiche I re
ceyued a chylde in the temple and tokē hym in my armes say
enge thus. lete now thy seruaunt passe for myn eyen haue se
ne thy helth whan all the grete company of sayntes that we
re in hell herde this they were wonder Joyfull and mery.
And after there came another man to vs. as it had bene an
Ermyte. and our forfader asked hym what he was And he
answered ayē and sayd I am a voyce of a prophet of an hye
companye for I haue go afore the face of hys comynge and
also to make redy the waye of his comynge and to yeue hel-
th and comynge to his people in the remyssyon of ther synes
And whan I sawe hym come to me / I was fulfylled with
the holy goost. and thus I sayd see the lambe of godde and
(beholde hym that doth away synne

of the wozlde and hym I haue baptyled in the flume Jozdã
& vpon hym I sawe the holy gooste descende in lykenesse of a
doue And than I herde a voyce that fyll fro heuyn sayenge
thus. this is my son in whome grete plesynge is to me. And
nowe I am come afoze hym to you to shewe to you the sõne
of god is come fro hyghte foz to delyuer vs that syt in derke
nesse & in the shadowe of deth abydynge his mercy. whan ỹ
Adam our fozfader was baptyzed anone he sayd to seth his
son. Tell to thy chyldzen & to patryarkes & pzophets that ỹ
Aungell sayd to the whan I sente ỹ to ỹ gates of paradyse ỹ
thou sholdest pzaye our lozde god that he wolde sende to me
by his aungell of the frute of lyfe. & also of the oyle of mercy
foz to anoynte with all my membzes suche tyme that I was
fulfylled full of malady with sekenes. Than Seth sterte vp
& sayd with an hyghe voyce. As I was at the gatys of para-
dyse pzayenge our lozde god of the oyle of mercy Oure lozde
sente Mychaell his archaungell to me sayenge thus Oure
lozde god hath sente me to the. Trauayle not foz to haue the
oyle of mercy to anoynt with Adam thy fader I do ỹ to we-
te thou mayste not haue it vnto the laste day be complete of
v. M. & v. C. yere than shalle the son of god Jhesu cryste cõe
vpon erth to reyse the body of Adam thy fader And the bodi
es of his holy sayntes And than shall he be baptyzed in flom
Jozdane. And whã he comyth out of the water than he shal
anoynte with the oyle of mercy all tho that shall beleue ỹ hỹ
and than shall the son of god go downe to hell ãd lede adam
thy fader in to paradyse to the tre of lyfe and mercy whan ỹ
patryarkes and pzopheres herde this that Seth sayd thã th
ey made grete Joye and as they made grete Joye Satan the
pzynce of hell and master of deth sayd to the master of turmẽ
try Make the redy foz to receyue Jhesu whiche that glozyfy
ed hym selfe to be the son of god And yet he is man that dze-
dyth deth foz he sayd my soule is heuy agenst deth This Jhe
su hath wzought meny heuynes & euyllys ayenst me foz thẽ
that I made blynde crokyd and lame and mezel he hath ma

de hole by his worde And also the dede that I brought to the
he hath reysed to lyfe. Than the prynce of turmentrye an-
wered to Sathan what is he that is so myghty by his wor-
de And thou sayest that he is man that dredyth deth All that
euer were myghty in erth thou hast brought them to my bō
dome and be bownde in my poust & yf he be so myghty ī mā
hode as thou sayest I saye to the he is so myghty in dyuyny-
te so ferforth that we may neuer do ageynste hym. And yf
he sayd that he drad deth I saye to the that he wyll dysceyue
the and ouercome the at alle tymes And than answered Sa
than to the master of turmentre & sayd why dredyst thou for
to receyue myne aduersary and chyne. I haue made the Je
wes for to be ageynst hym And I haue made redy that he sh
all be smyt with and I haue made redy the tre that he shalbe
crucyfyed on ād. iii. nayles for to fast hym therto And I ha-
ue made a drynke with ezyll & gall/ y he shal dryṅke And I tel
the that he shall be dede anone And I shall bryng hym bow
de to y Than answered the prynce of turmentrye this. that
thou sayest that he by his myght hath take fro me them that
were deed what hoppyst thou he maye be that doth suche ma
sterys by his worde. I drede me parauenture that this was
he that toke away Lazare fro me and reysed hym that was
iiii. dayes dede whome that I helde bownde in my prison &
hym he yelded to lyfe by his worde Than answered Satā
& sayd, I do the to were that he is the same Jhesu And whan
the prynce of turmentrye herde this he sayd to Satan I con
ioure the by thy vertu and myne that thou bryuge hym not
here to me for whan I herde the cōmaundement of his wor
de I trembled and shoke for drede and all my fell seruauntis
with me so y we ne myghte kepe lazare. but he flowe fro vs
as swyfte as it had be an Egle oute of the bondys y we had
hym in and the erth that he laye in dede vndyd ād yalde hy
quyke fro hym wenyste thou sathan for to holde suche a lor-
de that toke his seruaunt fro vs mauger of vs by the vertue

of this worde wyt thou well this without doubte yf thou bydde hym hyder that is so myghty to saue al mankynde. he wyll put vs hence I saye satan and all tho that be shet in oure prison and strayned be ther syn in our bondis by hym they shal be delyuered and brought to euerlastynge lyfe. And as they spoke thus togyder there came a voyce as it had bene doudder of the holy goost and thus he sayd.

Attollite portas principes vr̄as). ye pr̄ynces of deth vnclosyth your gatys for the prynce of glorye shall entre therin And whan the prynce of hell herde this voyce they sayd to Sat̄a Go hens fro vs and yf thou be myghty to fyght. Go fyght with hym that is kynge of glorye. And so hel kest Satan fro hym and than he sayd to his fel seruauntes. shet myghtly your patys with Iron barrys and fyghte myghtely and withstonde hym strongely that the kynge of blys come not herin that our strength be not take fro vs and we to be put to endles sorowe And whan the sayntes herde this. they sayd with an hyghe voyce to the deuyll and to the prynce of tormentri Wrecches vndo your gatys and lete the k̄ynge of glorye come in. Than sayd dauyd/ Prophyced I not whan I was lyuynge in erthe and sayd thus. (Mulia hec est dies quā fecit dñs exultemus et letemur in ea). That is to saye. this is the day that god made therin we maye be blyth and glad. and after hym sadd I saye. to all the sayntes. sayd I not whan I was leuynge that the deed sholde be lyfte vp and the bodyes that lye in grauys shall be reysed vp fro deth to lyfe and that they that be in erth shall be full of Ioye. and yet I say now more. ye kaytyfes of deth & hell where is nowe your pryde. where is nowe your victory. whan the sayntes herde I saye say these wordys. They sayd alle at onys to the prynces of hell. Undo your gatys wrechys for ye be but take and bounde. & maye not helpe your selfe. Than came the voyce the seconde tyme sayenge thus. (Attollite portas vr̄as). And whan that hell herde thy noyce come. ii. tymes he answered vnaduysedly thus. (Quis est iste rex gl̄ie). That is to saye. what is the

kynge of blys. and than answered dauyd sayenge thꝰ I kno we well that voyce by his wordes of the holy goost. for I pro phecyd it afore and nowe I saye to the hell. (Dñs deus fortis et potens dñs potens in prelio / ipe est rex glie). That is for to saye. Our lorde god stronge and myghty . & myghty i ba tayle he is kynge of glorye. (Et ipe de celo in terrã aspexit ut audiret gemitus compeditorũ vt solueret filios interemptor. That is to saye. that blyssyd lorde byheld fro heuyn to erth to here the waymentynges of them that are in bondys and that he sholde vnbynde the chyldren that were brought to the deth to be slayne. And therfore thou velayne stynkynge hole vndo thy gatys that the kynge of blysse maye come in.

And as Dauyd had sayd this to hell vpon them came the gloryous delyred kyng of glorye in four me of man and enlyghted all the derkenesse of hell with the gloryous bryghtnesse of his glory ous face And all the gatys and shetynges with Iron barrys and boltys all to brest in his holy compynge ād all the fell fyndes made hym space and waye And whan the sayntes sawe Jhesu our sauyour come with aūgels they we re abasshed of the grete Joye that they ne durst speke but wi th grete and softe herte sayenge thus. Our lorde god and ou re sauyour thou arte come to vs kynge of glorye to delyuer vs out of the bondys fro these fals felons And blessyd be thy name for now shall we be made hole. Than came our lorde Jhesu and brast all the bondys that we were bounde with and cōmaūded that we sholde be delyuerd of all anguysshes fro that tyme forwarde. and whan the prynce of hell with al his fell seriauntes saw the grete bryghtnesse they had than huge sorowe and drede. than. x. prynces of hell rose vp of the pyletys with huge rorynge & cryenge ād sayd thus with gre te wemētynge O Jhesu how we be ouercōe by ꝑ what mā ar te thou ꝑ replyst thy requeste agenst god vnknowynge vs

what arte thou that brekyst all our poure what arte thou th
at arte so grete and apredyst so lycel in erth. What arte thou
that were soo meke & lowly in erth and now arte thou a pr̄
crelly fyghter in forme of man And now kynge of glory that
were dede and nowe thou leuyst & now all creturs tremylle
& quake by thy crosse & by thy deth. & were buryed ī a Sepul
cre and arte descended downe to vs all quyke creatures tre
myll & quake by thy deth & all the foure elementys/ shewyd
cher tokyns And now hast thou delyuered all that were dde
& dystroblyd & put to myschefe alle our foull fell mynysters.
What arte thou that haste delyuered theym that were dyst
rayned here amonge vs for ther synne and hast clepyd thē
agayne to theyr fyrste fraunchyse. what arte thou that ye-
uyst lyght to them that are blynde by the bryghtenesse of
thy godhede. & than all that were in hell cryed with one voy
ce and sayd A what arte thou that arte so myghty a man ād
so clere in maiest shynyng wythout blame and clene of erth
ly synne what arte thou y entryst in to our regyō & contreys
wichout drede and dowreste no poynte of turmentynge but
hast fro vs all tho that were streyned in our bodyes parauē
ture thou arte that Jhesu that our prynce Satā sayd to our
prynces that thou sholdest take to the alle the powere of the
worlde by thy deth of the crosse Than our lorde Jhesu cryst
toke Satan & bonde hym and delyuerd hym in to hell to the
prynce of turmentrye & sorowe Than byhelde satan sayen
ge thus to hym A thou prynce of perdycyon Belsabub with
thy thre hedes lyer vpon the Aungels of god why haste thou
do this falce dede A whiche a dyspoylynge thou behyghteste
vs whan thou let hym fal to suche a dede what harme to vs
thou dede whan thou let the kynge of glory be crucyfyed. A
thou fals sathan thou ne woteste neuer what thou hast w for
this Jhesu hath Jllumyned all the darkenesse of deth with
the clernesse of his deuynyte & hath nowe broke al the gatys
of our depe prysons and vnbounde all that were therin/ād
them that were in our turmentreys they scorne vs. And by

ther prayers we shall euer after be ouercome that neuer afo
re durst saye one worde ayenst vs. And nowe shall neuer no
ne of mankȳde come amonge vs but euer shall lede vs whe
re they wyll that neuer afore durste do ageynst vs And no
we are they fylled full of meruellous ioye by the preylȳge of
ther lorde god. A thou prynce of all shrewdnelle and fader of
all felonys why hast thou do thus/howe durst thou do suche
a lorde to be crucyfyed for nowe be all tho that were in dyſ
peyer fro the begynnynge in to this tyme nowe in helch ād
in endles lyfe And we shall neuer here of ther crowchynge
gronynge nor weppynge A thou fell sacan all the ryches that
thou haddest conquered by thy appyll in paradyse thou hast
nowe loste by the tre of thy crosse. and alle thy Joye is peryſ
shed whyle that thou haste crucyfyed hym that was agēyst
the and wete thou wel that thou shalte suffer tormentry end
lesly in my orryble presen. A. O thou fals and cursyd Satā
auctor of deth and fader of pryde thou sholdest fyrste enquy
red his cause and yf he had be worthy deth. And yf thou ha
dest founde no cause of deth in hym thou sholdest haue lefte
hȳ on lyue but thou fonde no fawte nor cause to crucyfye hȳ
& for thou were so hardy to crucyfy hym thou arte the cause
y he is tcred ī to our regyon. And wote thou what thou hast
do I saye to ȳ thou hast all forlorne & we wrecches shal dwell
in turmentrye that euer shall laste as hell. And as Satā spa
ke thus togyder came the kynge of blys and thus he sayd to
hell Thou prynce Satā thy power shall be endlesly to dwel
here in stede of Adam and his chyldren and all my ryghtful
peple And than our blessyd lorde spred forth his ryght hande
& sayd come to me my holy and all that haue myne ymage &
my lykenelle whiche were dampned to the deth by the frute
of the appyll and by the deuyll. and now may ye well se that
the deuyll is dampned by the tre and by the crosse And ano
ne all the sayntes assembled them togyder vnder our lordes
hande Than oure lorde toke Adam by the ryght hande and
sayd thus to hym. my peasse be with the and all my ryghtfull

chyldren and all my holy fayntes. and than our lorme fader
fyll downe on his knees afore our blessyd lorde wepynge for
Joye, and thus he sayd. (Exaltabo te dñe quoniam suscepisti
me non delectasti inimicos meos sup me. Dñe deꝰ meꝰ cla
maui ad te & sanasti me. deduxisti ab inferis aiaꝫ meã. sana
sti me a descendentibꝫ in lacũ). This is to say. My lorde I th
all enhaunce the for that thou hast take me. for thou ne hast
suffred myne enmyes to be abone me. My lorde god I haue
cryed to the & thou hast made me hole. thou hast brought my
soule owte of hell and hast saued me fro them y are fal in dep
fete sayenge all with one voyce to our lorde
to vs. Wyer of the worlde. blessyd be thy name as thou shew
dest to vs by thy holy lawes and by thy holy prophetes thou
bought vs agayne by thy holy crosse and thou arte come dow
ne to vs by thy holy vertue for to drawe vs fro dethe and fro
the horryble paynes of hel And than our blessyd lorde lyfted
vp his hande & made the sygne of the holy crosse on Adam &
on his holy fayntes And so he toke Adam by the ryghe hon-
de and fryed out of hell vp in to the eyre & al the fayntes folo
wed hym. Than kynge Dauyd sayd with an hyghe voyce.
Cantate dño canticũ nouũ quia mirabilia fecit). That is
to saye Syngeth to our lorde god a newe longe for he hath
wrought mervelys. (Et hec est gloria oĩbꝫ scantis eius).
That is to saye. blessyd be god for this grete Joye to alle his
sayntys Than after dauyd sayd Wycheas.
Quis deus sicut tu dñe auferens iniquitatem & transgredi
ens pccã & nõ continens in testĩo irã tuam. &c̃.
That is to saye. Who is lyche a lorde as our lorde god is put
tynge awaye all evyllys of synne. and after hym sayd Aba-
cuk the prophet. Thou comyst out with helche to thy peple
for to delyuer all thy frendys fro all lorowes & dyseasys. thã
after hym sayd all ỹ fayntes Blessyd mot thou be ỹ comyste
in the name of god for thou arte Joye and blysse to all thy
peple. (Allia). And than all the prophetes pronowncyd alle

ther prophycyes that they had shewed in erth with grete ple
synge to to our lorde god And than all the sayntes sayd. this
is oure lorde god. that shalle gouerne vs without ende.
Allia).

¶ How our lorde led all his holy sayntes into ȳ Joyes of pa
radyse & of the thre men ȳ they mette.

AND thā our blessyd lorde toke Adam our forme
fader by the hande and led hym in to paradyce
and al his holy sayntes with hym and them he
delyuered to Mychaell his archaungyl and he
led them in to paradyce where is endles Joye/
And whan they were entred in to paradise there came agey̅
ste them. ii. men of grete age. And the sayntes alked thē wh
at they were. ād how it myght be that they we.e there so bo.
dyly and had not be with them in hell. Than one of thē ans
wered ād sayd I am Enoke that by the worde of god I am
translated heder. and he that is with me here is Elyas tesby
tes whiche was brought hyder in a brennynge chare ād yet
suffred we no deth but we are kepte to the commynge of An
tecryst to fyght with hym with wordes and tokyns of oure
lorde god. and of hym we shall be slayne in the cyte of Jheru
salem And ii. dayes and a halfe after we shall ryse fro deth
to lyfe and betake vp in the skyes. and as Enoke tolde this
to the sayntes there came to them a man berynge on hym ȳ
sygne of the holy crosse. And whan al the sayntes sawe hym
they sayd to hym what man may thou be that hast here the
lykenes of a theefe And why berest thou the sygne of the ho.
ly crosse. And than this man answered to them and sayd for
soth ye saye truly that I was a theefe and many cursyd dedis
and fals dyde I in erth. And therfore the Jewes crucyfyed
me with our lorde Jhesu. And whan I sawe the sterȳges of
ȳ Elemēcs i hȳ passyō I byleued ȳ hē was sauyour of ȳ worl
de & maker of al creatures & kȳge al myghty thā sayd I to hȳ

lorde haue mercy on me And haue me in mynde whan thou comyst in to thy kyngedome. And anone that blessyd lorde toke my prayer and sayd to me forsoth this daye shalte thou be with me in paradyce And than he toke me the sygne of ỹ holy crosse and sayd to me Bere this sygne with the and go to paradyse and yf the aungell that is keper of paradyse wyl not suffer the to entre in. shewe hym the sygne of the crosse & saye to hym that Jhesu cryst whiche that was nowe crucyfyed sente me to the And whan I had sayd this to the Aũgel anone he vndyd the gatys and led me in to Paradyce. And set me on the ryght syde sayenge thus to me Suffre and holde the here a lytell whyle For Adam that is fader of all mankynde with all his chyldren and all the frendys of god shalle come hyder by the vertue of Jhesu crystys passyon And whan the holy sayntes as patryarkys & prophetys herde thyse wordes of this theefe than they sayd al with one voyce. Blessyd be our lorde god almyghty endles fader of mercy that such grace hath youen to synners and brought vs to the Joy of paradyse and in to the pasture of delyte & to endles Joye. Amen.

THese are the holy secretys of the deuynyte that we haue sene. I Gazyus ād my brod Leucyus but our lorde god wyl suffer vs no lenger to telle and shewe vnto you the secretys of his deuynyte for sayntе Mychaell the archaungell sayd to vs Ryse & go in to the cyte of Jherusalem and be there in prayers/ and glorifye the holy resurrecyon of oure lorde Jhesu crysste with your bretherne that rose with hȳ and that ye speke to no person. But be you as the domme. in to the tyme that our lorde shal suffer you for to shewe the secretys of his deuynyte And so the holy Aungell sayntt Mychaell cōmaunded vs to go to flōme Jordane to a place there that many are rysen with vs in witnesse of the resurrecyon of our lorde Jhesu crysste. Oure lorde god hath graunted vs. iii. dayes to be Jherusalem & holde there the holy palke of our lorde god wi

th our frendys And also that we shalbe baptyzed in the flã
me Jozdan eche of vs at that tyme takynge whyte stolys. &
thus saynt Mychaell cõmaũded vs ꝑ we sholde be ĩ ozylons
ly secretys And therfoze yeue pzelynge to our lozde god and
be a knowe your defaute and do penaunce ꝑ he maye haue
mercy vpõ you. Nowe peasse be with you of our lozde Jhesu
cryste ꝑ is sauyour of vs all. Amen.

¶ Howe Nycodemus & Joseph tolde to Pylat all ꝑ thyse. ii.
mẽ had sayd & how pylat treatyd with the pzỹces of ꝑ lawe.

AND whan this scryppture was wzeten this Ga
tyus & Leucyus rose vp And so Gazyus dely
uered the byll ꝑ he hath wzytẽ in to the handys
of Annas & Cayphas & to Gamalyel And leuy
cyus yaue that he had wzyt in to the handes of
Nycodemus & Joseph of Barmathye. and anone they we-
re tranlsygured ãd were no moze sene of them. foz both byl
lys were all one hande as though one man had wzette them
both. And there was not one letter moze ĩ ꝑ one than in that
other And whan ꝑ Jewes & maysters of the lawe had red the
se bylles and vnderstonde them they were hugely abasshed
all & shamed And than they sayd amonge them that foztoth
Jhesu was verye godys son blessyd mot he be endlesly foz al
thynge beryth wytnesse therof And anone after they wente
out of the Synagoge And than Nycodemus and Joseph of
Barmathye tolde al this to pylat And than Pylat dyd wzy-
te al that was befall of Jhesu of ꝑ the Jewes had sayd of hỹ
And all these meruey les he dyd put in his bookys after that
Pylat entred in to the Jewes and afoze hym assembled al ꝑ
Maysters of the lawe as pzynces and Bysshoppes. And thã
than pylat sayd to them Syzs it is do me wyt that ye haue a
mõge you a newe stozy of grete scryppture whiche scryppture

Jcouet for to se. And therfore I charge you yt it be brought
to my presence And whā it was brought to his plēce. thā sa
yd he to thē all I cōioure you all by ȳ vertus of our lorde whi
che ȳ is fadet & maker of all thīge ȳ ye nie hyde no cosel but
for to saye ȳ trewthe. Syrs ye knowe by the scryptures ȳ is
wryt here that Jhesu whiche that ye crucyfyed is very god
dis son & so it behoued hȳ to come into this worlde to ȳ helth
of mākynde. And therfore I charge you ȳ ye tell nie what ty
me ȳ cryste sholde come by your scryptur. Whā ȳ Annas &
Cayphas were thȳ conjured they charged & cōmaūded ȳ all
sholde go out of ȳ tēple saue Pylat & they. ii. Thā they sayd
to Pylat good Juge thou hast so cōjured vs ȳ we must nedes
shewe to ȳ / ȳ trouth of this ȳ thou hast enquyred of vs syr
in to ȳ tyme ȳ we had crucyfyed Jhesu. We knewe not ȳ he
was goddys son. but we wēde ȳ ȳ vertues that he wrought
had ben done by some charme. thā made we vs to assemble
in this temple And here we dyde reherce all the vertues ȳ he
had wrought And so there were many of our lynage ȳ sayd ȳ
they had sene Jhesu after his passyō & ȳ they had herde hym
speke to his dyscyples. And also they sayde ȳ they sawe hym
stye vpī to heuyn And we wote well ȳ we sawe. ii. men whi
che ȳ Jhesu reysed fro dēth to lyfe whiche tolde vs meny mer
uerlys ȳ Jhesu ī his dyenge dyde & after. & ȳ maye ye wyt bi
ther scryptūrs ȳ we holde ī our hādis But our custome is su
che ȳ we do worshyp to stonyes ȳ haue be here afore ī our Si
nagogys / & so we fynde by wytnes of god ī ȳ fyrste booke as
it sayeth ȳ Mychaell ȳ Archaūgyll sayd to Seth ȳ was ȳ th
yrde son of Adam. Whā. v. M. & v. C. yere were complette
thā sholde ȳ sō of god. Jhesu cryste come fro heuyn & yet we
abyde his cōmynge. And paraduēture this god of Jsraell ȳ
sayd to moyses ȳ he sholde make an hutche of wydnes in the
lēgth of. ii. kebettys & an halfe. & ī ȳ length of a kepet & ā hal
fe. And these. v. kebettys we vnderstonde by ȳ olde testamēt
ȳ whā. v. M. & v C. yere is come thā shal Jhesu cryst ȳ son
of god cōe in to the hutche. ȳ is the wombe of ȳ maydē Ma-

ry thy ourlcrypture berith witnelle of hym yt lhal be ye lõ of god
ſkynge of ye peple of Jſcrael But after ye paſſyõ of Jhelu we
our prynces merneylled of ye tokens & wozkes ye were do by
hym And lo we lokyd our ſtozyes & coũted all ye lynage dow
ne to Jſolephes lynage. And ye lynage of Marye ye was mod
of Jhelu. & lo we haue acounted ye tro ye tyme ye god made the
wozlde & Adã ye fyrſte mã vnto Noyes flode is. ii. M. & viii C. yere And tro ye flode to Abzaham. is. iii. M. & v. C. yere.
And tro Moyſes to Dauyd ye kynge is. v. C. yere And tro ye
tranſmygracyon of Babyloyne vnto ye ĩcarnacyõ of Jhelu
cryſt is. iiii. C. yere. And thus is ye accoũte in all. v. M. & v.
C. yere All theſe thynges & meruey lles dyd Pylat wzyte ãd
put in his office in kayer velommys ſo ye it myght be red ãd
knowen of all mẽ ye ſholde come after hym & after ye Pylacte
wzote a leter to the Lyte of Rome & to Clawdyo the Empe-
roure. Amen.

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Here endyth the treatys of Nychodemus goſpell.
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Barre/in Saynt Clementys paryſſhe/
By me Julyan Notary dwellynge
at the ſyne of the thze kynges.
In ye yere of our lozde a.
M. CCCCC. vii.

Mr Harry Saunder